



Standards & Assessment

CAHSEE Notes

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Upcoming Material Ordering and Pre-ID Deadlines

Deadlines for test material orders and Pre-ID are listed below for the upcoming administrations of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). All deadlines are at 5:00 p.m. CAHSEE administration questions should be directed to Educational Testing Service (ETS), the CAHSEE test contractor, at 1-800-241-5687.

Apportionment Certification Reminder

The CAHSEE Apportionment Information Report for the 2007–08 school year will be mailed out in October to county and district superintendents and charter school administrators. To receive these apportionments, the superintendent or administrator must certify the accuracy of this report by signing and dating it and returning it to

the California Department of Education (CDE) Standards and Assessment Division. The certified reports must be postmarked by December 31, 2008. Certified reports received after this date must be accompanied by a waiver request as provided by California *Education Code* Section 33050.

2008-09 Test Administration Web Cast

The CAHSEE Office and ETS provided a Web cast to prepare district testing coordinators for the 2008–09 administrations of the CAHSEE. The Web cast took place on September 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. on the San Diego County Office of Education Webcast Services site at http://wcportal.sdcoe.net/v_h.asp (Outside Source). For more information about the Web cast, please contact ETS CAHSEE Support at 1-800-241-5687.

Administration	Test Material Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late Pre-ID Deadline	Supplemental Shipment Deadline
November 4-5, 2008	September 22	October 1	October 20	October 27
December 6 and 13, 2008 (Saturdays)	October 28	November 6	November 17	November 21
December Field Test	October 28	November 6	November 17	November 21

Final Data Correction Opportunity

The final window for making corrections to the 2007-08 CAHSEE demographic data closes on November 3. Corrections can be made on the ETS secure Web site at <http://cahsee.ets.org> (Outside Source). Questions about making demographic data corrections should be directed to ETS at 1-800-241-5687.

Independent Evaluator's Report

Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) is scheduled to release its annual evaluation of the CAHSEE in mid October. California legislation requires this independent evaluation of the CAHSEE. HumRRO's evaluation reports are found on the CAHSEE Independent Evaluator Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/evaluations.asp>.

Statewide Pupil Assessment Review Panel

The Statewide Pupil Assessment Review (SPAR) Panel is instituted by statute to review test items for conformance with California *Education Code* Section 60614. Panel members review test items for the purpose of ensuring that examinees do not receive questions regarding personal beliefs or practices. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed Sylvia Flores to the SPAR panel. Ms. Flores is a bilingual (Spanish-speaking) parent with a child in grade ten at Carson High School. She is the president of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) 10th District in Los Angeles. Ms. Flores will be joining Brian E. Conley of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and Robin T. Fisher of RT Fisher Educational Enterprises, Inc. on the SPAR panel.

Districts Can Still Participate in Writing Prompt Field Test

ETS is seeking school districts that will volunteer to participate in a December field test of English-language arts (ELA) writing prompts. The writing prompts will be administered to grade ten students in California high schools during the week of December 8-12, 2008. The tests are designed to be administered within a single 40 to 50 minute classroom period. Districts are encouraged to participate in the writing prompt field test. For more information or to participate in the field test, call ETS CAHSEE Support at 1-800-241-5687.

CAHSEE Administration Contract Awarded to Educational Testing Service

The CAHSEE Administration Contract for the development, administration, scoring, reporting, and analysis of the CAHSEE was awarded to ETS. The new administration contract will begin on October 1, 2008, and continue through October 31, 2012.

More Information

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CAHSEE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at cahsee@cde.ca.gov.